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SERIAL NO.: 10/671,326 GROUP NO.: Not yet assigned
FILING DATE: September 25, 2003 EXAMINER: Not yet assigned
TITLE: Bifunctional Heterocyclic Compounds and Methods of Making and
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) AND MPEP § 708.02 (XII)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.02 (XII), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to make the above-identified patent application special so that it may be advanced out of turn for immediate action.

Accompanying this petition are:

- (a) a Statement Of Facts In Support Of Petition To Make Special by Susan Froshauer, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Rib-X Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; and
- (b) a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

In view of the statement of facts provided herewith, Applicants respectfully request that this Petition be granted. The Office is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions concerning this paper.

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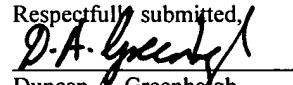
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STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Sir:

I, Susan Froshauer, Ph.D., am providing this statement of facts in support of a petition to make the above-identified patent application special pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.02 (XII). I hereby declare and state as follows:

- (1) I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Rib-X Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Rib-X").
- (2) Rib-X is the owner by assignment of the above-identified patent application.
- (3) Rib-X is entitled to and has claimed small entity status for the application. Rib-X is a small business concern.
- (4) Rib-X is a new biotechnology company, founded in 2001, focused on the discovery of new anti-infective agents. The Company's drug discovery program relies on the utilization of the high-resolution crystal structure of the 50S subunit of the ribosome to design new antibiotic agents for treating drug resistant infections. The Company's integrated research program combines a series of approaches including biochemistry, molecular biology, medicinal chemistry, X-ray crystallography, and computational chemistry.

(5) The development of bacteria resistant against current antibiotic agents is a serious and growing public health concern. Consequently, there is an ongoing need for new and effective antibiotic agents. Rib-X's biotechnology program aimed at developing the next generation of antibiotic agents is therefore both important and timely.

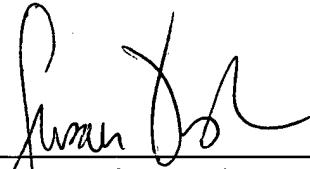
(6) The filing of the present patent application is a significant milestone in the biotechnology research of Rib-X. The patent application relates to bifunctional heterocyclic compounds useful as anti-infective agents. The development of the technology described in the patent application will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed. To date, Rib-X has received private financing to fund its drug discovery efforts. Because drug discovery is expensive, Rib-X plans to secure additional rounds of financing to support the development of the technology and to seek partners interested in further developing and bringing the technology to the market. The early allowance of claims in the patent application likely will improve Rib-X's chance of attracting and securing additional financing and of finding a partner to develop and bring the technology to the market.

(7) The patent application and the potential exclusivity afforded by a patent issuing from the application represent a major Company asset.

(8) All statements made of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information are believed to be true. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed at New Haven, Connecticut, this 14th day of April, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Froshauer, Ph.D.
President & CEO
Rib-X Pharmaceuticals, Inc.



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I hereby certify that this correspondence, and any document(s) referred to as enclosed herein, is/are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 23rd day of April, 2004.

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Submitted herewith is/are:

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2. Fee Transmittal (1 page);
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